

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A water-soluble packet comprising:
a copolymer film comprising:
a hydrolyzed copolymer of vinyl acetate and a second monomer, the resultant polyvinyl alcohol copolymer having a degree of hydrolysis, expressed as a percentage of vinyl acetate units converted to vinyl alcohol units, in the range of from about 90% to about 100%; ~~and~~
wherein the second monomer is selected from the group consisting of ~~monocarboxylic acid vinyl monomers, their esters and anhydrides, dicarboxylic monomers having a polymerizable double bond, their esters and anhydrides, and~~ vinyl sulfonic acid monomers, ~~and their~~ alkali metal salts of sulfonic acid monomers, and combinations thereof; and
a quantity of liquid material contained within the packet in direct contact with said copolymer film.
2. (original) The water-soluble packet of Claim 1, wherein the liquid material comprises a cleaning concentrate.
3. (original) The water-soluble packet of Claim 2, wherein the cleaning concentrate comprises laundry detergent.
- 4 - 10 (cancelled).
11. (currently amended) The water-soluble packet of Claim 1, wherein the second monomer is selected from the group of sulfonic acid monomers ~~and their alkali metal salts~~ consisting of vinyl sulfonic acid, allyl sulfonic acid, ethylene sulfonic acid, 2-acrylamido-1-methylpropanesulfonic acid, 2-acrylamido-2-methylpropanesulfonic acid, 2-methylacrylamido-2-methylpropanesulfonic acid, [[and]]2-sulfoethyl acrylate, their alkali metal salts, and combinations of the foregoing.
12. (currently amended) The water-soluble packet of Claim 11, wherein the second monomer is an alkali metal salt of 2-acrylamido-2-methylpropanesulfonic acid (AMPS).

13. (currently amended) The water-soluble packet of Claim 12, wherein the degree of polymerization of the ~~vinyl alcohol-co-AMPS~~ copolymer is such that the viscosity of a 4% aqueous solution at 20°C is in a range of from about 3 to about 18 MPa.s (cps).

14. (currently amended) The water-soluble packet of Claim 13, wherein the degree of polymerization of the ~~vinyl alcohol-co-AMPS~~ copolymer is such that the viscosity of a 4% aqueous solution at 20°C is in a range of from about 4 to about 12 MPa.s.

15. (currently amended) The water-soluble packet of Claim 12, wherein the level of incorporation of ~~AMPS comonomer~~ the second monomer in the ~~vinyl alcohol-co-AMPS~~ copolymer, expressed as a mole percentage, is in the range of from about 1 to about 8 mole %.

16. (currently amended) The water-soluble packet of Claim 15, wherein the level of incorporation of ~~AMPS comonomer~~ the second monomer in the ~~vinyl alcohol-co-AMPS~~ copolymer, expressed as a mole percentage, is in the range of from about 2.5 to about 5 mole %.

17. (currently amended) A water-soluble copolymer film ~~packet~~ comprising:
a hydrolyzed copolymer of vinyl acetate and a second monomer, the resultant polyvinyl alcohol copolymer having a degree of hydrolysis, expressed as a percentage of vinyl acetate units converted to vinyl alcohol units, of from about 90% to 100%;
an initial disintegration time at 10°C of less than 60 seconds; and
a disintegration time increase after contacting a liquid component contained therein of no more than 50%.

18. (currently amended) The water-soluble copolymer film ~~packet~~ of Claim 17, wherein the second monomer is ~~selected from the group consisting of monomers having carboxylate functionality and monomers~~ a monomer having a sulfonate functionality.

19 - 20 (cancelled).

21. (currently amended) The water-soluble copolymer film of Claim 18, wherein the second monomer ~~comprises a monomer having sulfonate functionality and is selected from the group consisting of vinyl sulfonic acid monomers, and their alkali metal salts~~ of vinyl sulfonic acid monomers, and combinations thereof.

22. (currently amended) The water-soluble copolymer film of Claim 21, wherein the second monomer comprises an alkali metal salt of 2-acrylamido-2-methylpropanesulfonic acid (AMPS).

23 - 25 (cancelled).

26. (currently amended) The water-soluble ~~packet~~ film of Claim 22, wherein the degree of polymerization of the ~~vinyl alcohol-co-AMPS~~ copolymer is such that the viscosity of a 4% aqueous solution at 20°C is in a range of from about 3 to about 18 MPa.s (cps).

27. (currently amended) The water-soluble ~~packet~~ film of Claim 26, wherein the degree of polymerization of the ~~vinyl alcohol-co-AMPS~~ copolymer is such that the viscosity of a 4% aqueous solution at 20°C is in a range of from about 4 to about 12 MPa.s.

28. (currently amended) The water-soluble ~~packet~~ film of Claim 17, in the form of a film packet surrounding a contained liquid component, wherein the liquid component contained therein comprises a cleaning concentrate.

29. (currently amended) The water-soluble packet of ~~Claim 24,~~ Claim 28, wherein the cleaning concentrate comprises laundry detergent.

30. (new) The water-soluble packet of Claim 12, wherein the second monomer is the sodium salt of 2-acrylamido-2-methylpropanesulfonic acid.

31. (new) The water-soluble packet of Claim 22, wherein the second monomer is the sodium salt of 2-acrylamido-2-methylpropanesulfonic acid.